TRADE AND INDUSTRIES

858. Thirty Emporia were started in important centres and a mobile van functioning as a Mobile Emporium was also put into operation during the year.

859. Various improved handloom equipment and accessories were supplied to the weavers co-operative societies costing Rs. 50,000.

860. During the year, the 3rd All-India Handloom Week was celebrated from 19 to 26th February 1956. In connection with celebrations, an exhibition had been arranged throughout the week. The sales of handloom cloth during the week was very encouraging as a result of a special rebate of two annas per rupee allowed on the sales.

861. The Handloom Research and Designing Centre which started in the year 1952, manufactured and supplied rebands for the award of "Bharat Ratna" and "Padma Vibhushana" medals for which the Government of India had placed special orders with the Centre.

862. The Government Wool Spinning Centre, Kolar, continued to manufacture hand-spun and hand-woven kamblies during the year.

863. During the year, a triennial scheme for intensification of khadi activities was launched in the Badanval area. The production of khadi during the year was nearly four or five times the level reached during the previous years.

864. An Ambar Charka Parishramalaya was started in December 1955 as an experimental and data collection centre financed from the Khadi and Village Industries Board. In this Centre 300 people were trained with 60 Ambar Charakas.

Government Silk Weaving Factory, Mysore.

865. The production and sales in the Factory were 65,570 yards of silk and Rs. 7,76,156 respectively.

(iv) Posts and Telegraphs.

866. The number of Post Offices in the State at the beginning of the year was 1,111 (1,036), and the number of Post Offices opened during the year was 91. One hundred and eight post letter boxes were newly planted in villages during the year. In addition to these, Public Call Offices were opened in eight important towns in the State.

867. The number of Telegraph Offices that were existing at the beginning of the year was 140 and the number of Telegraph Offices opened during the year was 10.

(v) Economic Development and Planning.

868. The Department of Economic Development and Planning prepared circular instructions regarding the "Village Plans—How to Prepare," Taluk and District Plans, in accordance with the instructions of the Planning Commission in order to make the people "plan-conscious."

869. The State Advisory Board for Planning and Development discussed the preliminary Draft Plan of Rs. 252 crores prepared on the recommendation of the sub-committees, and recommended only the important schemes for inclusion in the Plan keeping in view the financial implications.

870. The total outlay of the schemes thus recommended by the Advisory Board was Rs. 175 crores and this revised Draft Plan provisionally fixed at Rs. 84·73 crores by the Planning Commission.

871. A final Draft Plan of Mysore at a total cost of Rs. 85·21 crores was prepared giving full details of the schemes, physical targets, national income, employment potential, development of regional resources, etc.

872. A provision of Rs. 13·34 crores for development schemes was made in the Budget for the year 1955-56 and as against this provision, a sum of Rs 9·45 crores was spent during the year. **Progress of the Plan during the year.**

873. Seven schemes under Agriculture, 15 schemes under Food Production and nine Irrigation Schemes under Malnad Development works were included under this group head for which there was a budget provision of Rs. 75·54 lakhs for the year 1955-56. The total expenditure under all the schemes upto end of March 1956 was Rs. 47·83 lakhs. Fifty-four thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine tons of urban compost over 10,980 acres, 324 tons of improved seeds for 25,000 acres and 11,920 tons of manure mixture over 1,19,200 acres were produced and distributed during the year. Subsidies were given to 223 **Agriculture including Food Production and Minor irrigation.**